

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a communications network, including switching centers having no echo canceling equipment and switching centers having echo canceling equipment. The switching centers are capable of changing the call party or the call during the call. The switching center which controls the change of call party or call type is arranged to command the nearest switching center having the echo canceling capability to connect/disconnect an echo canceling equipment to/from the connection. In other words, in these special situations the echo cancellation is controlled by a new signaling feature within the communications network.